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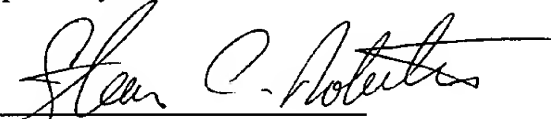
Applicant has filed this response prior to the expiration of three months and have not presented additional claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for consideration of this response.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, claims 1-22 are patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow these claims and pass this case to issue.

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